

A DISMAL PROSPECT

The Situation at Skagway Described.

HUNDREDS OF HOPELESS MEN

Late Arrivals Will Find Starvation and Ruin Staring Them in the Face.

PORT TOWNSEND, August 27.—Andrew Warren, banker and ex-collector of customs who left with a party of seven for the Klondyke, has written to his wife from Skagway as follows:

"There are about 3000 men and 1500 horses here, making up the most fearful lot that you ever saw. About half of them have given up and the other half either cry or die. Taking it all together, I never saw such a condition of affairs. At Dyea there are nearly as many as here, and I am told they are in the same condition. God only knows what will become of those headed this way for none but those with horses will get through."

"I do not believe that in a hundred years will get through. Many have returned footsore and disheartened. Outfits can be bought here for a song."

"The authorities should stop the tide of immigration that is coming this way. It is evident to a prospector to come at this time for the blockade here will be followed by one on the trail. I am firmly convinced that even after the trail is opened to traffic, the condition of thousands here. One here without horses is as helpless as a child. I never saw so many men weaken."

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TALLANT'S REASON RETURNS.

The Banker's Mind is Now as Clear as Ever.

CHICAGO, August 27.—John D. Tallant, the San Francisco banker who became violently insane on the overland trail Tuesday and was removed to a sanitarium at Lake Geneva, recovered his reason Thursday. His mind is now as clear as ever. His revival was instantaneous. At 2 o'clock in the afternoon he seemed to awake with a start from the mental stupor. He had no recollection of what had happened from the moment of his mental collapse. He said that he was feeling the best of health but was a little sore from bruises. Mr. Tallant will remain at Lake Geneva for a week to rest and will then probably continue his journey to join his family at Dresden, Germany. His brother-in-law, William Tallant, general manager of the San Francisco branch of the Pacific Coast Steamship Company, is expected to arrive in San Francisco tomorrow. As soon as the patient was out of the excitement of the city he became quiet and steadily improved. The attack is supposed to have been brought on by nervous prostration.

HIS DUTY WELL DONE.

A Venerable Emancipationist Goes to His Rest.

CHICAGO, August 27.—William Crasty, who before the civil war, was one of the most notable conductors of the "Underground railroad" for the assistance of runaway slaves, died near Marysville, Ohio, last night, of old age. Mr. Crasty, it is said, helped over 3000 slaves to escape to Canada, and at one time a reward of \$3000 was offered to any one who would deliver him dead or alive south of Mason and Dixon line. He was 92 years of age.

Miners Not in Alaska.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 27.—The Anchor Point gold mine at Cook's Inlet, Alaska, was the scene of a miners' riot in July, according to news which has just been received in this city. About fifty men are at work there, employed by a Boston corporation, who have to camp in the mountains and at one time a reward of \$3000 was offered to any one who would deliver him dead or alive south of Mason and Dixon line. He was 92 years of age.

TIT FOR TAT.

A SENSIBLE SUGGESTION ABOUT KLONDYKE DUTIES.

Proposals Made for an American Railroad to the Yukon Gold Fields.

SEATTLE, August 27.—E. F. Cassel, president of the Yukon Chamber of Commerce, is in this city. He says that the Canadian government has offered to build a railroad to the Yukon gold fields. He says that the Canadian government has offered to build a railroad to the Yukon gold fields. He says that the Canadian government has offered to build a railroad to the Yukon gold fields.

The Encampment Ends.

Grand Army Veterans Elect Officers and Adjourn.

BUFFALO, August 27.—The Grand Army has elected its officers for the ensuing year and the encampment of 1897 has adjourned to meet at Cincinnati next year.

Today's session lasted from 9.15 o'clock this morning until 3.15 this afternoon without interruption. Opening with the election of officers, the committee took up the election of senior vice commander-in-chief, Comrade Alfred Leth of Hildesheim of this city was placed in nomination and was elected unanimously, there being no other candidates.

The election of a junior vice commander-in-chief was not accomplished until this afternoon, there being four candidates and several interruptions to the proceedings of the encampment by speeches and the admission of a commission from the National Relief Corps.

On the first ballot F. B. Allen of Connecticut, this candidate of the naval veterans, and he was elected on the second ballot.

Dr. David Mackay of Dallas, Texas, was elected senior general unanimously and Rev. Frank O. Bremer of the First Methodist church of Chicago was elected senior chaplain in chief.

Among the reports receiving favorable consideration from the executive session of the encampment was that of the pension committee. It recommended the readjustment of widows' pensions and presented a form of proof and application in pension claims.

The report also recommended that congress pass a service pension law to apply to all veterans who have reached the age of 62 years.

The report of the committee having in charge the memorializing of congress to purchase armor of the most important battle fields about Fredericksburg, Va., and counsel them by government roads was adopted.

Spain's Troubles Multiplying.

MADRID, August 27.—Senor Segura, the liberal leader, has made a fresh declaration on the political situation. He says it is daily growing worse in Cuba and more serious in the Philippine islands. Senor Segura is ready to apply autonomy to Cuba and to the Philippines. He says that the liberals will assume power earlier than expected. Segura asserts that the Carlists are already preparing for a rising, and only waiting a prelate on the part of the government or a favorable opportunity to take up arms.

Like Father, Like Son.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25.—James F. Rogers, the prime mover in the Stark-Rogers gang of counterfeiters, was sentenced today by United States Circuit Judge Morrow to four years at hard labor in San Quentin. The sentence was made cooperative of Rogers' youth and of the fact that he had pleaded guilty to every charge against him. He will be taken to San Quentin at once, where his father, William Rogers, is serving a term for a similar offense, of which he was convicted some weeks ago.

Between Wind and Water.

STOCKTON, August 26.—James Gillis, president of the Union Transportation Company, this afternoon filed in the company clerk's office an affidavit which is the result of Attorney Campbell's threat made in court the other day to "sue Judge Jones off the bench."

The affidavit states that during Mr. Campbell's argument the court characterized it from the bench as "wind and water." A check of the record shows that the court said it was "wind and water" and that the court said it was "wind and water."

Sailor Boys on a Cruise.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 25.—The training vessel Adams left today for a six months' cruise in southern waters. She had on board eighty boys and a few regular crew members. She will proceed to San Diego, arriving there on September 23d, she will touch at Magdalena Bay, Mazatlan, Honolulu, Hilo and other points, and is expected to return to San Francisco the end of January, 1898.

An Escaping Lunatic Arrested.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 28.—L. P. Orr, an inmate of the Stockton insane asylum, who escaped from that institution, was captured on the water front by Officer Mooney today. Orr came down from Stockton on the Walker, and his peculiar actions attracted the attention of the officer. Orr was taken to the city prison to await the arrival of the attendants from the asylum.

The End of a Spree.

LOS ANGELES, August 28.—William Topf, thirty-five years of age, an employee of Philip Reinecke, an orchardist of Pomona, attempted to commit suicide today by shooting himself through the left side with a revolver. The bullet did not reach a vital spot, but Topf's condition is dangerous. He has been on a protracted spree.

She Is Her Own Boss.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 29.—Mrs. Eliza Thorndell, widow of the late Captain Charles W. Thorndell, today received her license as pilot of the tug boat Ethel and Marion, having successfully passed the necessary examination.

THE PORTLAND ARRIVES.

Only a Small Consignment of Gold.

MISSED THE YUKON STEAMER

The Treasure to Be Brought Down Next Trip—Latest From the Klondyke.

PORT ANGELES, Wash., August 25.—Captain Kidston, in command of the Portland, reported a pleasant voyage and explained the delay of three days in reaching Port Angeles by stating that a very serious storm at St. Michaels delayed the discharge of his cargo. He laughed when told of the reports that the Portland was carrying over \$2,000,000 in gold. As a matter of fact, he said there was only about \$250,000 in gold and nuggets on board his vessel. Up to the time he left St. Michaels he had heard of no new gold fields.

Among the Portland's passengers are William Ogilvie, Dominion surveyor, says the six hundred claims now staked out will yield \$90,000,000. From a number of the Portland's crew it was learned that Captain Kidston had expected the treasure to be brought down next trip.

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LYNCHERS OVERAWED.

They Are Not Anxious to Fight the Militia.

COLTS, August 27.—No talk of lynching Pedro Vandy, who committed a murderous assault on Miss Poirer three days ago, has been heard since the militiamen reported for duty at the jail last evening. The town is quiet tonight and there is no apparent indication of trouble. Two companies of the National Guard, B. of Colusa and D. of Marysville, are under arms at the jail and subject to the order of Sheriff Jones. Company D will probably return to Marysville tomorrow, but the Sheriff says he will keep Company B on hand until he is satisfied that all danger of a mob attack on the jail is past. Miss Poirer is now resting easily, and the attempt at lynching her assailant will not likely be renewed until the girl takes a decided turn for the worse.

Meanwhile Vandy, under special guards in the jail, is gradually growing weaker. It is unlikely that he will live long enough to receive legal punishment for his crime.

Joe's Busy Right Hand.

SAN FRANCISCO, August 27.—E. L. Andrews, a coal merchant, had an experience tonight that he will not forget in a hurry. Andrews was on his way to the ferry in a street car when he was sitting on the bench, who conquered George Green last night, manager of O'Rourke and George Dixon Andrews, who knew his fellow passengers, both to the "niggers," especially prize fighters, when Dixon entered a mild protest, to which Andrews responded with a blow on the nose. Andrews' right hand was raised and further trouble was averted until the ferry landing was reached, when Andrews' right hand was raised and further trouble was averted until the ferry landing was reached.

The Schofield Tragedy.

SAN JOSE, August 27.—Mr. Sarah Schofield and Daniel Dutcher were in court today and made their plea to the charge of murdering George W. Schofield. Each entered a plea of not guilty and the case was set for Monday afternoon for trial. The date of the trial will be fixed. Dutcher was more composed than when arraigned and looks as if he is more confident than at that time. Mrs. Schofield appears to be in a state of nervous prostration and expression and seems to feel her unhappy condition keenly.

